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To the Best of State Judging Committee:

The Travel Health & Safety web site began before the very successful 2002 Winter Olympic Games held in Utah. The site was originally designed to give international visitors coming to our state for the Olympics some public health and safety information. It was developed and sponsored by a consortium of public health agencies and contractors who were brought together to plan for the Olympics and public health impacts of the Games. It was very successful in meeting these purposes.

After the Olympics, the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) wanted the features of the site to continue providing this important information to anyone coming to Utah during any time of year. Our health promotion staff redesigned the site and added seasonal health and safety information to the winter information prepared for the Olympics. This site now is a resource for anyone visiting our state during any season.

This site has become a valuable Internet resource to the varied subjects of public health and safety for traveler in Utah. It has been highlighted in the award winning State of Utah Internet site, and on the home page of the UDOH site.

Most 'travel' sites have a highly commercial slant - with advertising from businesses involved in lodging, transportation, sightseeing, etc. Our travel resource is designed as a public service for anyone who may be traveling to or in our state. I know of no other public health travel sites in the United States, except for the Center for Disease Control, which is geared to international travel.

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